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City of Charleston Coronavirus March 18 PM Update

Charleston, S.C.—The city of Charleston remains at OPCON 2, with modified operations designed to limit in-person contact.

According to SC DHEC, there are now 60 positive cases of coronavirus in South Carolina, four of which tested positive in Charleston County. For the latest on testing and monitoring in South Carolina, visit https://www.scdhec.gov/monitoring-testing-covid-19.

In order to reduce the risk of Coronavirus transmission in the city of Charleston, at noon today, all city permitted tours were suspended until further notice. This action was taken to create more social distancing, and is consistent with the goal of limiting group size on city streets, sidewalks and other common public areas.

Beginning tomorrow, the Charleston City Market and all other city of Charleston special facilities--Angel Oak, Cannon Street Arts Center, Dock Street Theatre, Maritime Center, Old Exchange Building and Old Slave Mart Museum--will be closed to the public.

Charleston City Council met at 5:30 p.m. this evening and received updates from Emergency Management on the city's efforts to mitigate impacts and to ensure continued city operations in a safe environment. Council will continue to meet daily at 5:30 p.m. by phone for updates.

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